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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMITE ON UN CHARTER: FOUR POWER CONSULTATIONS.

SUMMARY: UNDEL HELD BRIEF FURTHER MEETING WITH UK, FRENCH AND SOVIETS DELS FOR LAST MINUTE REVIEW BEFORE BEGINNING OF COMITE. MAIN POINT AGREED UPON WAS DESIRABILITY THAT NONE OF FOUR POWERS TAKE FLOOR UNTIL PROONENTS OF COMITE HAD PLACE BEFORE COMITE ITEMS WORTHY OF OUR CONTRASTING VIEWS. END SUMMARY.

1. FOUR POWER DELS REVIEWED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM, AS FOLLOWS: (A) BROMS (FINLAND) WAS ONLY FORMAL CANDIDATE FOR COMITE CHAIRMAN; (B) THERE WAS NO INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES FOR VICE-CHAIRMEN. THIS TENDED TO SUPPORT VIEW THAT MOST DELS ON COMITE, INCLUDING CHARTER REVIEW ADVOCATES, WERE NOT, AT THIS TIME, WELL ORGANIZED OR PREPARED ON SUBSTANCE OR PROCEDURE; AND (C) THERE WAS AN INDICATION THAT PHILIPPINES WOULD SEEK THE RAPPORTEUR POST. WHILE PHILIPPINES CANDIDACY NOT IDEAL, IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT ITS ADVERSE EFFECT WOULD BE MINIMIZED WITH BROMS AS CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIAT DOING BASIC DRAFTING.

2. UK (FIFOOT) STATED THAT UK REGARDED ANY GENERAL STATEMENT IT MADE IN COMITE WOULD AMOUNT TO A "NEGATIVE INITIATIVE" IN THE EYES OF COMITE. THUS, FIFOOT CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

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IT INADVISABLE FOR UK TO MAKE ITS STATEMENT BEFORE THERE WERE

SUBSTANTIAL REMARKS OF COMITE ADVOCATES TO COUNTER. GIVEN INDICATIONS THAT COMITE ADVOCATES WERE NOT ORGANIZED, HE SENSED UK SHOULD NOT SPEAK FOR A WHILE. USSR (KOLESNIK) STATED IT WAS NOT IN OUR INTEREST TO SPEAK IN HASTE. AND WE SHOULD LET OTHERS TAKE UP THE FIRST FEWS DAYS OF DEBATE. HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO DOING NOTHING TO ADD IMPETUS TO OPENING DAYS OF COMITE. FRANCE (MUSEUX) CONCURRED IN THESE VIEWS. US (ROSENSTOCK) STATED THESE VIEWS IN KEEPING WITH OUR GENERAL INCLINATION.

3. GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED DESIRABILITY OF COMITE WORKING BY CONSENSUS. IT GENERALLY AGREED THAT WE SHOULD OPERATE ON ASSUMPTIONS COMITE WOULD WORK BY CONSENSUS AND QUIETLY ENSURE THIS ASSUMPTION WAS AS WIDESPREAD AS POSSIBLE BUT THAT WE SHOULD NOT SEEK TO FORCE COMITE TO MAKE FORMAL DECISION ON MATTER SINCE THAT LIKELY BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

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